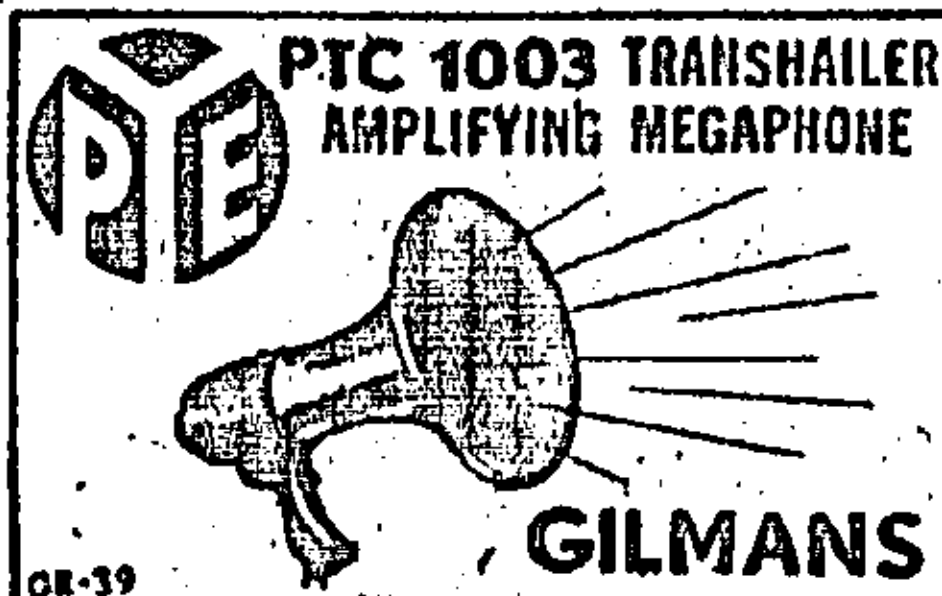


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Comment of the day

WHO CARES?

A LEADING British journalist recently in Bangkok for the Sato conference made the following comment in a report on the meeting: "But the blunt truth is that neither East nor West cares a tuppence for the welfare of the Laotians themselves. The Laotians are pawns in the world game of power politics." Our comment is: what utter nonsense! It is not the blunt truth or any other kind of truth.

The country is undeniably remote from the West in the geographical sense. Its people are presented to the world as casually indifferent to the civil war. The peasantry is rated among the most primitive in Asia, and apart from France, and in recent years America, there are no strong links between the Laotian people and Europeans. But to say that neither East nor West cares a tuppence for them is about as stupid as saying that America and Britain with their 55,000 war dead, cared nothing for the Koreans when the Red North overran the South. It is as silly as saying that Britain cared nothing for the Poles or the Czechoslovakian people or the Belgians, Dutch or French when Hitler's jack-booted hordes trampled on the face of Europe. Of course the West is concerned about its own vital interests in Southeast Asia, but of very much greater concern is that if Laos is sacrificed to the Communists no genuinely freedom-loving country in Asia will be safe, nor will they have any reason to trust the promises of the West.

The fact is that Britain and America have treaty obligations under which they guarantee the freedom and independence of the country. This treaty was specifically designed to save the people from the same fate which engulfed those in Northern Vietnam. And the West has extended this offer to the Laotian people in the same way that it has promised help, should they want it, to a large number of countries in other parts of the world which aim to stay independent and free.

THE enticement of the politicians that the freedom and independence of Laos is inseparable from that of the free world is no mere cliché designed to pacify anxious Asians. It means what it says. And when Britain last week put before Russia plans to bring about an end of the turmoil that has overtaken this country, it was prompted less by the desire to avert war for the West's sake, than to bring peace to Laos in conditions which would ensure it of dignity, independence and freedom as well as a fully representative government.

What the West can be thankful for is that Laos and its people are considered sufficiently important to warrant joint military action if peace talks fail to bring about a settlement. Only a quarter of a century ago we were sufficiently complacent to sit by and watch Italy pulverize Ethiopia. All we could do was to impose sanctions. Hitler and Mussolini, not surprisingly regarded this as proof of our spinelessness, and plunged deeper into the European conflict. If the West had cared as much about the Ethiopian people then as it cares about the Laotian people today, the history of the world might have taken a decidedly different course.

Bank employees held up at gunpoint DAYLIGHT ROBBERY IN CITY

\$50,000 snatched Questioning after robbery

in Ice House-st this morning

Two employees of the Chi Yu Banking Corp. Ltd were robbed of \$50,000 at gunpoint by two men in Ice House-street near the bank premises at about 10.45 this morning.



Chief Inspector J. Haddon in control questioning members of the Chi Yu Bank following the daylight robbery at gunpoint in Ice House-street this morning.

Car licence fees to be increased

Car licence fees are likely to be increased. This was revealed today in an official statement commenting on a newspaper report which said fees were likely to be increased by from 50 to 100 per cent.

The full text of the Government statement is as follows: "Newspaper reports that Government proposes to replace the existing three types of motor vehicle licences with four new categories, with heavier fees being imposed on the large car, is substantially correct. "However we regret that we cannot give details at present as the matter is still subject to legislative procedure."

This disclosure follows on the warning given by the Minister for Transport, Mr. Arthur G. Clarke in his recent budget speech that "the days of cheap motoring are going."

WARNING
The Colonial Secretary, Mr. Claude B. Burges, later announced in the official budget replies that parking meters would be "broadly extended", meter charges would be increased in heavy traffic areas, car park charges may be doubled, and that Government would charge fees for instalment motor car hire.

Present maximum annual licence fee for a car (more than 2,500 cc) is \$240. There is a medium range fee of \$180 for cars between 1,200 and 2,500 cc, while cars of under 1,200 cc are charged \$100.

If these are increased by 50 per cent the new charges will be \$150, \$240 and \$300. If they are increased by 100 per cent they will be \$200, \$320 and \$400.

And as Government indicates that a special category is being considered for large cars, annual licence fees for this category is likely to exceed \$500 a year.

Shock for Nehru's party

New Delhi, Apr. 3. India's ruling Congress Party suffered a prelude defeat today by losing the key New Delhi Parliamentary seat to the right-wing Jan Sangh Party in a by-election.

The loss of New Delhi came as a shock to the Congress Party led by Mr. Nehru, the Prime Minister, now preparing for the General Election next March.

The two victims, Ho Tak, (47) and Ng Pak-lay (22) were coming back from the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation with the money in a brown leather handbag carried by Ho.

When they reached a lane between Edinburgh House and Henry House in Ice House-street they were approached by two Chinese men, one of whom was armed with a revolver, and robbed of the handbag. Ho told a China Mail reporter.

The two bank employees immediately shouted for help and chased the robbers who escaped down the lane and turned into another between the Bank of East Asia and Windsor House and disappeared in the crowded Des Voeux-road Central.

Within five minutes of the robbery Police were called to the scene. Investigations were carried out at once.

All the banknotes stolen are believed to be of \$100 denomination.

Irregular times

According to a bank official, it was their practice to send two messenger boys to the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank every morning to collect cash for the day.

The spokesman said the time for collection was always irregular in order to foil any robbery attempts. The younger messenger received bruises on his back when one of the robbers prodded him hard for being too slow in handing over the bag containing the money.

The cash was insured. Police are requesting witnesses to report to any Police Station and are carrying out a widespread search for the robbers.

One is aged about 45, dressed in a European suit, and the other between 30 and 40, dressed in a multi-coloured Hawaiian shirt and black pants.

TCA Vanguards grounded

Montreal, Apr. 3. Trans-Canada Air Lines today temporarily grounded all its Vickers Vanguard aircraft and ordered inspection of the planes' undercarriages as a "precautionary measure."

Eight Vanguards were involved in the grounding in the wake of the belly-landing on Sunday night of one of the giant four-engined turbo-prop airliners at Montreal International airport. The plane's left landing gear would not lower. The 42 passengers and seven crew members aboard escaped unhurt.

Super constabularies were put in service to replace all Vanguard flights until the undercarriage examination is completed.—AP.

Soviet reply to British note pleases Mac

Kingston, Apr. 3. Mr Harold Macmillan told a press conference here today he was pleased by the tone and character of Russia's reply to British proposals on Laos.

The Prime Minister was speaking at the end of his 10-day tour of the West Indies. He is flying on to Washington tomorrow for talks with President Kennedy.

Mr Macmillan said: "We and our partners in Scato have been pleased by the tone and character of the reply of the Soviet Government to the British note."

"There are certain points to be cleared, but I feel optimistic about the general conditions."

Asked if a Laos settlement would give hope for an improvement in East-West relations, Mr Macmillan replied, "Anything that is settled is a gain."

Done my best
"I have done my best to produce a détente between East and West. If in Laos all goes well it will be all to the good. It makes one somewhat optimistic."

Mr. Macmillan said Britain wanted a political settlement and to see Laos as a neutral country.

"We hope that as a result of negotiations... there will be a position on which order and goodwill can be brought back to that country and the Laotian people allowed to live their lives quietly, neither falling under the control of Communists nor being asked to join in an alliance of the West."

Mr Macmillan was asked if Britain and the United States had come nearer to resolving their differences over China's admission to the United Nations.

Complicated
He said China was a complicated issue and referred to Lord Home's statement a few weeks ago that the realistic of the international situation called for Peking's admission.

In negotiations between the island territories on the shape of the new state when independence comes — but he added that problems could be solved if there was a will to solve them.

Mr Macmillan refused to discuss the possibility of easing restrictions on Jamaican exports, convicted Mau Mau leader.

Made clear
"We have made it clear that matters of security must rest with the Government," he said.

Asked if there was any possibility that South Africa might rejoin the Commonwealth, he said "Not in the immediate future, unless the present Government changes its (apartheid) policies."

He said he hoped South Africa would return "under changed conditions."—Reuter.

Chinese convoy ambushed

Gangtok, Apr. 3. Several hundred Chinese were killed and large quantities of arms and food supplies seized two weeks ago when some 3,000 Khampa resistance fighters ambushed a long Chinese military convoy in south Tibet, a reliable source said here today.

According to a Tibetan coming from north Sikkim the Khampas ambushed the convoy in the region of Tangri, near Tibet's southern border with Nepal, on the highway leading towards Gangtok in western Tibet.

The source said the local population of the Tangri area have aid and comfort to the Khampas, Tibetan fighters who have long resisted Chinese occupation of Tibet and who fought a war in 1959 when the Dalai Lama was forced to leave the country.

U.S. EASES CONTROLS TO HK AND MACAO

Washington, Apr. 3. The Commerce Department today announced steps to ease United States controls on a wide variety of articles for export to Hongkong and Macao.

But at the same time it disclosed steps to tighten controls on U.S. scientific and professional instruments going to the two colonies.

The department said that with effect from today the following items might be shipped under general license which would not need its specific approval:

Adding machines, card punch equipment, collating machines, co-ordinating cylinder chiving machines, formulators, photo composing machines, motion picture screens, certain types of photographic prints and a wide range of antibiotics, drugs and medicinal preparations, mostly in dosage form, and medicinal chemicals in bulk form.

The department said that these articles which could now be shipped only under individual export licenses included certain types of gyroscopes and accelerometers and polytetrafluoroethylene — covered alloy steel pipe and tubing.—Reuter.

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2. Checking on suspected spying by trawlers off the west coast of Scotland.

The Admiralty refused to confirm or deny this report circulated by a domestic news agency and given prominence in British evening newspapers tonight.

The agency also linked the security probe with other projected North Atlantic Treaty Organization bases in Scotland.—Reuter.

USN AWARE OF SOVIET TRAWLER OPERATIONS

London, Apr. 3. Americans at the Polaris submarine base at Holy Loch, on the Scottish coast, know that radio signals are being sent to Russian trawlers operating outside the three mile limit, Mr George Brown, deputy leader of the Labour Party, said today.

Mr Brown, speaking at Holy Loch after spending four hours aboard the United States submarine depot ship Proteus there, said that Proteus had picked up signals from the Russian trawlers.

"Everyone on the ship" knew the Russians were there, he said.

"I am very worried that somewhere in this country there are high frequency radio transmitters in operation," he added.

Asked if the Americans were monitoring the radio signals, Mr Brown replied: "If you mean by that decoding them, that is a problem for intelligence and not for the Proteus."

He and Dr J. Dickson Mabon, a Scottish Labour Member of Parliament were guests of Captain Norval Ward, commander of the 14th United States Submarine Squadron and Captain Richard B. Loring, commander of Proteus.

First MPs

They are the first Members of Parliament to visit the ship. A U.S. naval spokesman said in London tonight that the navy had always known of the existence of Russian trawlers outside the three mile limit of Scottish waters, and that the trawlers tended to congregate in the Holy Loch area.

He added that he did not know of any radio signals which are reported to have been transmitted to the trawlers from the mainland.

Earlier today, British Navy and Air Force security officers were reported to be carrying out a two-pronged probe into alleged spying connected with American Polaris carrying submarines in Holy Loch.

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BUS DEATH PLUNGE

Barcelona, Apr. 4. A bus, carrying 30 persons rolled over a 100-foot deep ravine on Monday, killing seven and injuring the remaining occupants of the vehicle.—AP.

New Da Vinci found in America

New York, Apr. 3. A painting bought for "a modest sum" in New York in 1932 has been identified by an art expert as a portrait by Leonardo Da Vinci, possibly of Amerigo Vesputti, the explorer who gave his name to the Americas.

The owner, an art restorer, said that when he bought the painting it was entitled "Portrait of a Florentine." Years later, he removed the dirt and uncovered the lettering "Amerigo Vesputti."

Professor C. Ernest Cooke of Virginia Intermont College of Bristol, Virginia, a specialist in Da Vinci's works, said he believed it was by the Italian painter.

Tests at the Boston Museum of Fine Arts showed that the painting was completed at a time when Da Vinci did his greatest work.

The news of the discovery coincided with rumours of a sale of what was believed to be the last Da Vinci painting in a private collection. The work "Head of a Woman," is owned by Prince Franz Josef of Liechtenstein.

That about 21,700,000 is being asked for the painting.—Reuter.

30 drown in Arab River

Tehran, Apr. 3. Thirty of 80 passengers aboard a motor launch which sunk in Shat-el-Arab near Ahwaz on Sunday are feared drowned, the evening newspaper Keyhan reported today.

According to a Keyhan on-the-spot dispatch, the launch, which took about 60 passengers on Sunday hit an underwater obstruction which ripped open the hull.

Fifty passengers were rescued by private launches. Rescue groups are still searching for survivors.

Sunday was Iranian new year's day. In addition to the 30 people drowned in the river near Ahwaz, eight people were reported killed in traffic accidents and some 123 received slight injuries from automobile and other accidents in other parts of the country.—AP.

Worst Baltic storm in two decades

Moscow, Apr. 3. The strongest Baltic Sea storm in 20 years sent floodwaters spilling into the streets of Riga, capital of Latvia, last week, according to newspapers reaching here today.

The reports in the newspaper Soviet Latvia said policemen patrolled in boats when floodwaters of the river Daugava overflowed into streets and basements last Thursday.

The newspaper said the Baltic storm forced waters into Riga Gulf and the river. Some inhabited islands were flooded by 11 to 16 inches of water, the newspaper said.

The river level rose almost four feet three inches above normal at the height of the storm, Soviet Latvia said. But it said no serious damage was caused and no casualties were reported.—UPI.

ROCK AND ROLL RALLY IN TRAFALGAR SQUARE Disturbances break out in ban-the-bomb demonstration

London, Apr. 3.

Disturbances broke out in Grosvenor Square, London, tonight after several thousand anti-nuclear weapon demonstrators had marched from Trafalgar Square to sit down as a protest outside the American Embassy.

Police stood shoulder to shoulder barring the way to the Embassy as the demonstrators entered Grosvenor Square.

The marching column was made to occupy the opposite side of the square to the American Embassy, hemmed in by police, the marchers sat down.

A man ran to the middle of the road and sat down, but he was carried to a police lorry which drove off.

Then, as a car drove through with a loudspeaker blaring slogans against the marchers, a roar of hissing, booing and cheering broke out. About half a dozen people left the long column and rushed into the centre of the road and sat down. Police ran forward, picked them up and carried them to vans accompanied by more booing and cheering.

50,000

The marchers staged a huge rock and roll rally in rain-swept Trafalgar Square.

More than 1,000 policemen, including some on horseback, guided the damp marchers into the jammed square at the end of the 54-mile, three-day protest parades from Aldermaston, home of Britain's nuclear weapons, and Whitehall, site of a U.S. Air Force Nato base. Police estimated the crowd at about 50,000.

The marchers included beatniks, Communists,

quakers, Scottish nationalists, Jewish youth groups, Church of England youth groups and other organisations and representatives from 317 nations including the United States.

Some marchers wore raincoats. The beatniks wore beards. They all sang.

To the tune of "John Brown's Body," they sang:

"Ban, Ban, Ban the bloody H-bomb (3 times)."

"If you want to stay alive next year, 'Somewhere in the States they've got a button painted red. 'If anybody sits on it we'll all of us be dead. . . ."

They chanted:

"One, two, three, four, we don't want nuclear war. 'Five, six, seven, eight, ban the bomb—negotiate!"

Philosopher Earl (Bertrand) Russell, one of the chief organisers of this fourth annual Easter anti-nuclear rally, stood in the square tapping a tin to a jazz band's brass. "When the sun goes marching in."

Pointing at the long columns of marchers snaking into the square, Lord Russell said, "we will have an immense impact in Britain. And a great impact in the United States and even greater in Canada."

The 88-year-old philosopher said he "believed in" Soviet Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev's call for "complete and general disarmament." But he dropped off his nose as Lord Russell acknowledged the roaring cheers from the marchers.

Stepping to the microphone, he said: "The future of the world depends upon the efforts of those who think as we do. We must win—and we can."

Lord Russell, Church of England Canon John Collins and other leaders laughed as somebody waved a giant picture of a dinosaur with the inscription "Too much armour—too little brains."—Reuter and UPI.

BOMB EXPLODES

Marseilles, Apr. 3. A plastic bomb exploded outside the Tunisian Consulate here tonight. Nobody was hurt but ground floor windows were blown out.—Reuter.

Negative way

London, Apr. 3. A sign on Palace-road in southwest London: "Private road. No heavy vehicles. No hawkers. No funerals."—UPI.

5 members of Negro terrorist group indicted

New York, Apr. 3.

Five members of a Negro terrorist organisation seeking overthrow of the Jamaican government—including one man hanged last week for murder—were indicted here today on charges of stealing U.S. army ammunition.

The munitions—18,000 rounds of small arms ammunition—was destined for Jamaica, law officials here said, where a group known as the Rastafarians aims at toppling the government and at the return of all Negroes to Africa.

Frank S. Hogan, New York city district attorney, announced the burglary and grand larceny indictments today. Those named were:

Ronald Henry, 28, hanged last week in Kingston. He was the son of the Reverend Claudius Henry, head of the terrorist group.

Noel J. Agard, 30, a suspended New York policeman who Hogan said pointed out the shipment of ammunition for the others.

Mitchell Swaby, 22, identified as head of "Destroyer One," one of four 11-member terrorist groups in a larger Rastafarian organisation here designated as "First Africa Corps," he is now in a New York jail on a robbery charge.

Alfred Thomas, alias "Watusi," 25, formerly of New York city, who is serving a 10-year prison term in Jamaica.

Howard Rollins, alias "Quasin Abdullah," 29, who is awaiting hanging in Jamaica for the slaying of a Chinese merchant in a holdup.—AP.

Gurkha commander warns Katanga President

Kamina, The Congo, Apr. 3.

The United Nations was completing the airlift of nearly 1,000 Gurkha troops to this sprawling military base today in defiance of a warning by Katanga President Moise Tshombe that the move could mean war.

The Gurkhas, tough little fighters from the Himalayan foothills of Nepal, began pouring into Kamina on Saturday.

The first arrivals raced down the ramps of the planes bringing them from Leopoldville, ready to meet any bid by Katanga forces to oppose their landing.

Machineguns glinted from behind the plane windows and the troops were prepared for immediate action.

But Tshombe made no move to interfere.

And the landings went off without incident.

No interference

As his troops settled in today into their new quarters, Gurkha commander Lieutenant-Colonel S. S. Maltra warned that his regiment would brook no "interference with their United Nations duties."

"I am not a political soldier," he told a reporter. "We have been told we are on a peace mission. But if one bullet is fired on my Gurkhas they will fire back. Many heads will be lost, that I promise you."

"The Gurkhas have 150 years of fighting tradition behind them. No one ever will disarm them."

"If we go into battle we will die before we surrender. Hundreds of us may die but the enemy will have thousands of dead."

Kamina, the big former Belgian military base and airfield, is occupied also by UN Irish

troops. Today they were welcoming the Gurkhas with their Irish pipe band and a concert of Irish songs.

Also at the base today was the UN military commander, Irish General Sean McKewen. His visit was described as merely an "inspection."

Among finest

Col Maltra, who gave up the opportunity of promotion to accompany his troops to the Congo, said his regiment was among India's finest and his company commanders already were squabbling over which of them should lead the first Gurkha unit into action.

"That is it, action is forced upon us," he added.

"Some of my men already have two rows of medal ribbons, perhaps they will go home with a third row."—AP.

Life term

Ottawa, Ill., Apr. 3. Chester (Rocky) Weger, 22, was today sentenced to life imprisonment for the murder of Mrs. Lillian Oetting, 50, one of three women he was alleged to have bludgeoned to death in a state park in March 1959.

The state lawyer, Mr. Robert Richardson, said he expected to decide soon whether to ask for Weger to be tried on charges of murdering the other two women, Mrs. Frances Murphy, 47, and Mrs. Mildred Lindquist, 50.—Reuter.

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K'S AMERICAN FRIEND BLASTS RUSK

Nehru denies charges

New Delhi, Apr. 3.

Mr. Nehru, the Indian Prime Minister, today denied charges that India had spent too much on its welcome to the Queen during her visit in January and February.

He told Parliament that reports of heavy expenditure were "grossly exaggerated." In some places like Calcutta, he added, less money was spent on the Queen than on the Soviet leaders, Mr. Khrushchev and Marshal Bulganin, in 1955.—China Mail Special.

Cleveland, Apr. 3. Mrs. Cyrus Eaton, wife of the industrialist and financier, criticised Secretary of State Dean Rusk today for his alleged implication that "all is sweet harmony" in the Laos crisis.

"It is bad enough to learn that American dollars provided by the crushing taxation of our limping industry has been worse than wasted by American diplomacy," Mrs. Eaton said in an interview.

She added that it was outrageous for Mr. Rusk to return from Bangkok with the enthusiasm he had over Scoat's willingness for action. She claimed neither France nor Britain were willing to use military force in Laos.

In her blast, she referred to two articles appearing in a French newspaper and reprinted in the London Times. They condemned the United States for its actions in the Laos crisis.

Mrs. Eaton, who along with her husband has personally visited Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev several times, charged that the United States has corrupted everything it has touched.—UPI.

Nepal issues order to pressmen

Katmandu, Apr. 3.

Correspondents here have been "requested to co-operate" in not publishing or transmitting news of political activity without it being officially confirmed.

A government note to foreign and local correspondents said the step was being taken because of the publication of "exaggerated reports" in local and foreign newspapers and by news agencies about the political situation during recent weeks.

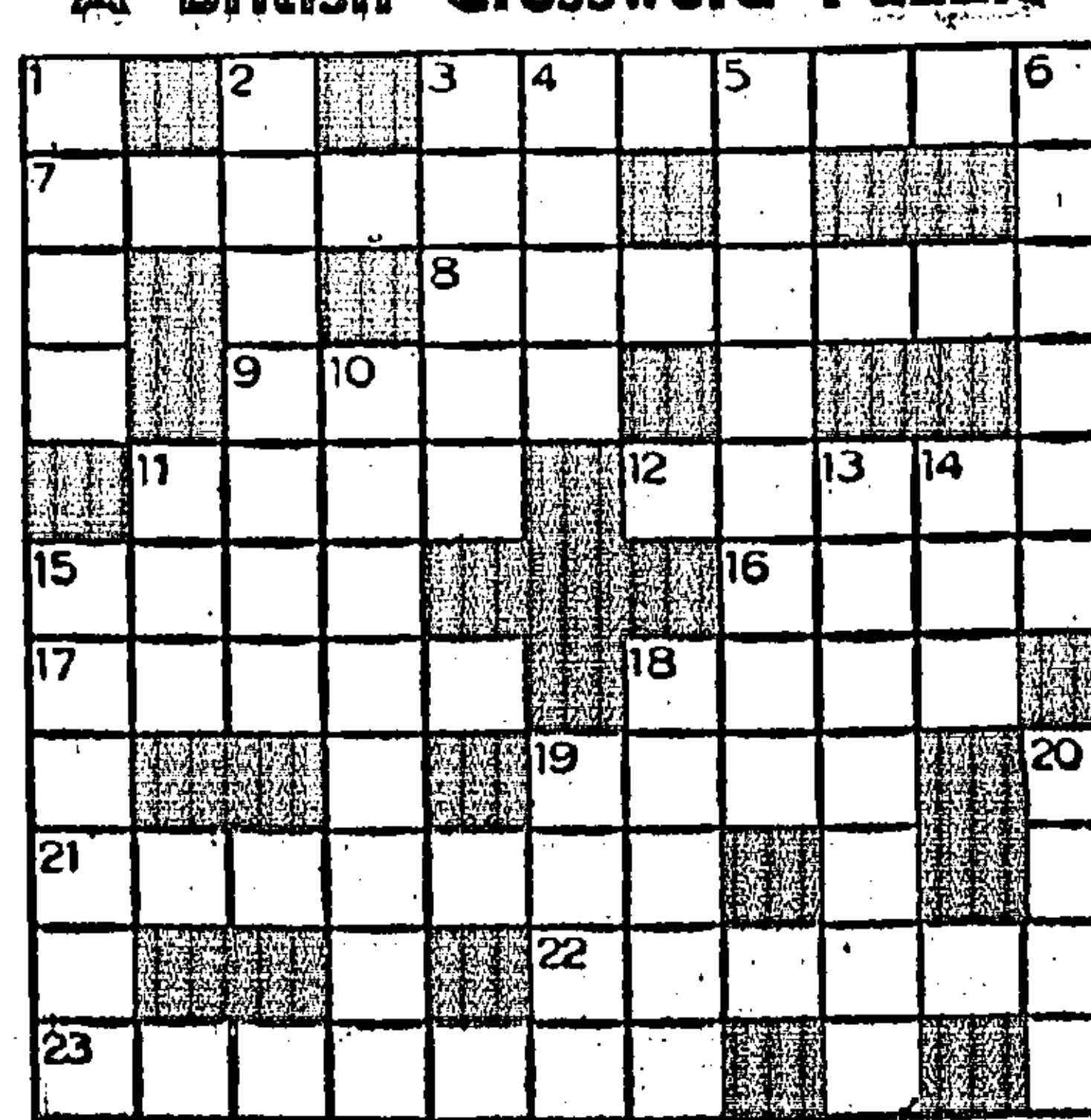
VIOLENCE

"Since such news might create panic in Nepal and give a wrong impression of the situation of law and order in Nepal to people abroad, the government had decided that no newspapers or news agencies, local or foreign, should publish or despatch news of political activity without confirmation," the note said.

The government move follows reports of looting and violence in a district near Katmandu.

King Mahendra dissolved the Cabinet last December and later became Chairman of a Council of Ministers.—Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS
3 Climb,
7 Manly,
8 Serious,
9 Bird,
11 Stream,
12 Refuse,
10 Girl,
16 Rend,
17 Begins,
18 Round,
19 Confers,
21 Soils,
22 Exploded,
23 Offers.

DOWN
1 Anxious,
2 Cancellation,
3 Wash,
4 Spare,
5 Canibal,
6 Cad,
10 Disputed,
11 Jazz music,
13 Flavour,
14 Knock,
15 Pumper,
16 Rolls,
19 Alarm,
20 Conceal.

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD Across: 1 Omelette, 8 Rinsed, 10 Dread, 12 Elk, 13 Dan, 14 Vain, 15 Glider, 16 Cries, 18 Slicked, 20 Iris, 22 Len, 23 One, 24 Overs, 25 Aggie, 26 Franchise, 27 Sweet, 28 Miles, 29 Leak, 30 Tied, 31 Kneaded, 32 Provoked, 33 Addressed, 34 Blacker, 35 Raising, 36 Gin, 37 Reason, 38 Clear, 39 Reins, 40 Oath.

One killed in clash

Madrid, Apr. 3.

One person was killed and two were injured in a recent clash between Spanish soldiers and Moroccan irregulars in the Spanish Sahara, reliable sources said here today.

The incident was said to have taken place on Thursday near Smara, some 75 miles (120 kilometres) south of the Moroccan frontier, the Moroccans were wearing uniforms but no insignias.

The clash was not believed to indicate any aggravation of Spanish-Moroccan tension.—AFP.

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CHILDREN'S CORNER

Merlin's Magic

—It Changes Gloomy Playroom Into A Carnival—

By MAX TRELL

THE most useful member of any household, especially during a long rainy day, is a Magician.

And that's why everyone in the house where Knarf and Hand and General Tilt, the Shadow Children with the Turned-About Names, lived, liked Mr Merlin so much.

Magnificent Magician

For Mr Merlin was not only a Magician, he was a Magnificent Magician. And it had been raining for two whole days, heavy wet rain.

In the Playroom, Knarf and Hand and General Tilt, the Shadow Children with the Turned-About Names, lived, liked Mr Merlin so much. And that's why everyone in the house where Knarf and Hand and General Tilt, the Shadow Children with the Turned-About Names, lived, liked Mr Merlin so much.

No one spoke

They didn't look at one another. They didn't say anything.

Then all of a sudden from behind the Bookcase where he lived—although no one had ever seen exactly where he lived—came Mr Merlin, the Magnificent Magician. He was dressed in a dazzling blue suit with golden buttons, like the blue sky and sunshine. His hat was as white as a cloud.

He smiled as he looked around at the gloomy faces in the room.

"Now what's this?" he asked. "Just because there's a little rain, does that mean you all must look like wet rats?"

Nothing to do

"We have nothing to do," Hand said.

"There was a murmur of voices from around the room, all saying the same thing.

"Nothing to do?" repeated Mr Merlin. "Why?" he asked, pointing to the piano stool against which a book with pictures of Horses was leaning.

"There's a merry-go-round! How can you say there is nothing to do when all you have to do is get on that merry-go-round?"

Shout from Teddy

"It's just a piano stool!" Teddy, the Stuffed Bear, started to say, when suddenly he let out a shout of astonishment.

"Look!" he exclaimed. "Look!"

What it was that Mr Merlin had done, no one in the room had ever found out. But the piano stool wasn't a piano stool any more, nor was the book of Horses simply a book of Horses.

The piano stool was now a carousel with Horses from the book—only the Horses were now, carousel Horses.

Round and round went the carousel.

"I think we need a bit of music," said Mr Merlin.

He snapped his fingers and mumbled some words and a harmonica that had been lying on top of the library shelf began playing like a whole band of music: flutes, fives, trumpets, clarinets and bassoons.

So amazed was everyone in the room that each one stood staring ahead without moving.

"Come now! Come now!" said Mr Merlin. "Get on the carousel! There's plenty of room for everyone! Have fun!"

Rushed toward carousel

And suddenly, with shrieks of delight, Knarf and Hand and Teddy rushed to get on the carousel. Everyone else in the room followed them.

Meanwhile, Mr Merlin walked slowly and gaily around the room in his beautiful sky-blue suit and sun-bright buttons and a raincoat, turning chairs into scenic railways and a flowerpot into a Ferris wheel, and lamps into chute-chutes and parachute-jumps.

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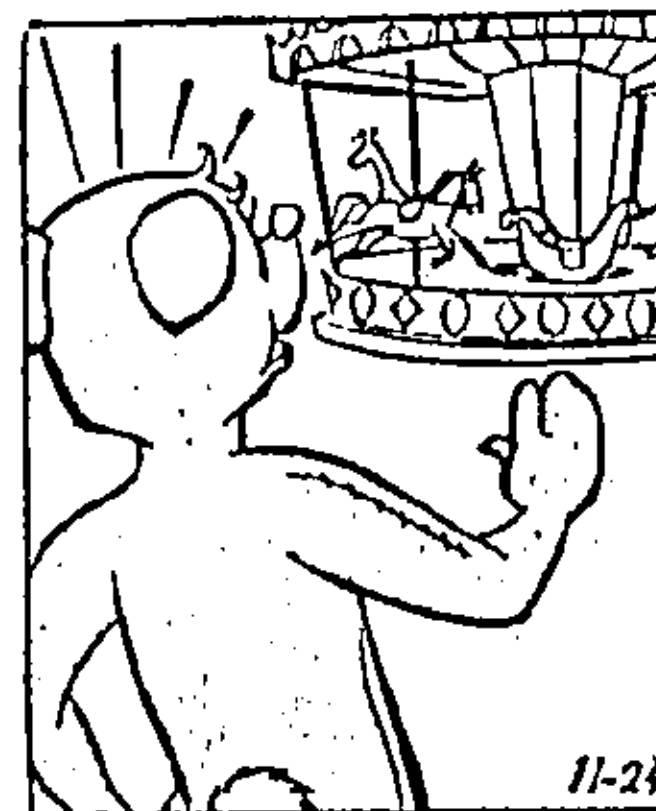
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"Look!" shouted Teddy when he saw the carousel.

What I mean to say is that, in less time than it takes you to read these words, Mr Merlin, the truly Magnificent Magician, had changed the gloomy Playroom with the rain outside into a carnival.

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HOT on the heels of that craze for now-look culotte skirts comes now-look lingerie to go with them.

For just what kind of petticoat can you wear under culottes? The answer: galligaskins. For that's the name given to something quite new in underpinnings, dreamed up by designer Sal Estorick.

Galligaskins—longish shorts—do two jobs at once, replace both your pants and your petticoat with one simple garment.

Mrs Estorick has made them up in lace-covered nylon tricot and says that they are just right to wear not only under a divided skirt but under a slim or pleated skirt as well. Who says there's never anything new about lingerie!

New, too, in the underwear shops are petticoats and nighties made from a happy marriage of two synthetics, tricot and nylon. This new fabric I've spotted, called Triona, combines the best in both fibres. It is light and porous and suitable, therefore, for hot climates. Triona floats around, rather than clings to you, and is opaque, avoiding that glass-like transparency you find in all-nylon lingerie.

Coming onto the counters soon for girls who like nightwear with a French accent, are Paris-made pyjamas cut just like bikinis. The short-sleeved top ends just above the hipdrift, and is partnered by minute bikini pants.

For the woman who likes to be well covered, I've seen a pretty all-round pleated night-dress which has a pie-crust bill round the neckline and hem, is partnered by a matching pleated negligee.

Things that I was pleased to note in my search for new-look lingerie include a special slip for the extra tall girl made in two lengths and a petticoat that will fit any size—you simply snip off one width of the picot-edge banding round the hem if it is too long.

There is also a new, pretty selection of maternity lingerie—an important, morale-boosting buy that many expectant mothers overlook. Finally, I've found something that could be in every woman's wardrobe: a tight-fitting, tough waist slip in taffeta that you can wear under any straight skirt to prevent it from sagging.

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THIS season's swimsuit

has a built-in shape that is completely undetectable on the beach, gives every woman an equal start in the bathing belle stakes. But don't think that the pre-shaped top is only for the flat-chested girl.

It helps to give a younger-looking uplift to a heavy bustline.

Top among the swimsuits that really help your figure problems is one that has a built-in girdle as well as a bra. Its low-swooping back minimises a too-heavy hipline, cut-away curves make your legs look longer, and if you want to, you can tuck a swim-cap to match it exactly.

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JUST lately I've been

introduced to an electric blanket which keeps your bed at the same temperature all night, can be tucked over you like a proper blanket, and laundered in a washing machine.

What's so new about this American-made blanket? The dial control and the built-in thermostat which automatically compensates for night temperature changes, and provides the correct heat without your having to resort to removing or adding that elderdown.

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To prevent candles on a birthday cake from dripping place them in a refrigerator for several hours before they are required.

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Newest thing in lingerie: Galligaskins in nylon tricot and lace designed by Sal Estorick for Jersey-Kapwood.

From the Trend Setters—a view of things to come

CROPPING up again and again in current conversation, popping up in every other headline is that descriptive little tag "TREND SETTER."

Trend Setters, one gathers, drink daquiris... wear two pairs of false eyelashes... "paper" the walls with silk... scorn turn-ups... deplore "togetherness"... park their children in "baby clubs"... and so on.

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by Veronica Papworth

"So what next?" I asked her. "Your straight pleated line is all over Paris. Now that the rest of the fashion world has caught up with you what will you do?"

"It's a different look as much as a line I'm striving after," she says. "A kind of off-white, slightly erode effect. Huge eyes with eye-shadow right up to the eyebrows, creamy face, pale lips, beige fingerings, and pale legs."

"No more gym tunics, no straight lines, no tubular tops or pleats."

"Everything will be terribly soft and flared. With a slight curve at the waist. So much on the bias!"

Divided skirts, too—especially for the evening, and bell-bottom trousers. My pants just don't have waists. They all begin and are light-beited, around the hips."

Shoes?

"Yes, I know that everyone is talking square toes—but I'm very much keener on those absolutely round ones."

"They'll follow eventually," they probably will, too!

ON HOMES I talked to John Siddley—the man with the longest eyelashes in town (real ones)—who is currently concerned with such diverse commissions as the decor of the new Givenchy boutique at Woollands and a factory for British Ropes Inc.

Of the former he says: "I'm using some of the new Seekers fabrics. Glorious blue silk walis considered a cold colour."

"I've just designed a blue bedroom for Susan Small and it has the warm Mediterranean atmosphere. Anything but cold."

Portugal wins Little League Baseball and Men's Softball International titles

By OLLY VAS

Portugal yesterday won both the Little League Baseball and Men's Softball International Competitions with convincing wins in the finals.

In the Little League Baseball final between Portugal and Great Britain some fine pitching was seen from both winning hurler George Viera and Hiro Dayaram. Portugal won this match by 9-6, Viera striking out 17 batters and Dayaram 14. The only Great Britain player to get a hit off Viera was Danny Dayaram whose 'bouncer' was beyond the reach of the Portugal second-baseman Passos.

In the Men's Softball final, loose fielding by the Americans cost them the game midway through the seven innings. From this stage Bertie Gosano's boys coasted along to a well-earned 6-2 triumph, the men of the hour being pitcher Dave Maltig and shortstop Vic Pedruco whose effortless fielding was a delight to behold.

The sailors from the U.S. Navy station-ship, the Forster, represented U.S.A. and included Giants' first-baseman Mike Newton.

From the moment plate umpire Fred Diets called out "Play Ball" the large number of sailors seated in the stands began to lend vocal support to the Americans and the first batter up was Wineberry.

Groans

Maltig tossed a fast and low third strike past him for the initial out, much to the disgust of the batter's shipmates as was evidenced by their groans. Newton foul-tipped for the second out, and Maltig then tossed another third strike. This time Hallman was the victim and then it was Portugal's turn to bat.

Carlos Azevedo jumped around the batter's box and so upset pitcher Krommenhoek that the latter issued him a walk. Azevedo stole second, advanced to third on a wild pitch and when Krommenhoek tossed a low ball into the dirt, Azevedo took advantage of it to scamper across the plate. He tally the opening run of the game, catcher Hallberry being caught off guard while going after that elusive ground ball.

Manuel Xavier hit past third-baseman Gottlin and when Hallberry attempted to play the spin, Xavier stole a base, when the latter stole a base, the ball ended up in the outfield and Xavier raced safely to third base.

Oneiro Souza hit straight to pitcher Krommenhoek for the first 'out', then Vic Pedruco blasted a slow pitch to left. It landed safely in Hallman's glove and Xavier scored after the catch to put Portugal two runs ahead. Maltig was tagged out by Krommenhoek for the Portugal inning to come to a close.

'Raw' call

The Americans caught up in the top of the second inning when one down Krommenhoek hit the ball to right field and went to second base as Sanny Azevedo groped for the ball. Gilcrest fled out to right and Gottlin then strided up to the plate. He looked over a strike and two balls before juggling out at one of Maltig's wait-high pitches. The ball coiled over the infield but Danny Gosano in centre-field was there to pick it up on the bounce. A bullet-like throw from Gosano went straight to catcher George Ribeiro's glove. Ribeiro stood legs astride waiting to put the tag on Krommenhoek as the latter came sliding in but to the consternation of many of the fans umpire Diets declared the runner safe. There were cheers from the Forster contingent and not a few howls of anguish from the Portugal bench at this 'raw' call.

Galza struck out to close the USA inning with the score now 2-1 in Portugal's favour.

The Lusitanians were put out in 1-2-3 fashion in their turn at bat and the third inning opened with the score unchanged and U.S.A. in with a chance to break the 15 years' monopoly of International victories scored on and off by both China and Portugal.

Tying run

Amidst resounding cheers again, U.S.A. scored the tying run in this inning when Hallberry's hit to left pushed Newton over the plate with two outs already on the scoreboard.

Maltig whipped a fast outside pitch past Krommenhoek to retire the Americans and as Portugal did not tally any runs in their turn at bat the fourth inning opened with the score deadlocked at two each.

Maltig got both Gilcrest and Gottlin on infield flies and struck out Galza. At this stage Manager Bertie Gosano had a hurried conference with coach Bill Silva and they must have decided on a change of playing tactics for in the bottom half of this fourth inning the Portuguese boys went into the lead through a series of hits and bunts.

Vic Pedruco's hit went past shortstop Gilcrest, Maltig laid down a beautiful bunt and Pedruco ran all the way to third base. Gosano hit a straight to pitcher Krommenhoek who tossed him out at first, Pedruco scoring on the play with Maltig going down to third.

Foiled

The next batter up George Ribeiro then fooled the Americans' infield by laying down a bunt and Maltig tallied another run to make the score Portugal 4, U.S.A. Peter d'Almada and Sanny Azevedo were retired to end the Lusitanians' inning.

In the fifth, sixth and seventh innings only eleven batters, or two over the minimum, faced pitcher Maltig and wholesale positional changes were made in the American team by coach Nelson Thayer but the Portuguese boys, not at all dismayed by some really odd base umpiring decisions were not to be denied victory. To make sure of the game, Carlos Azevedo and Peter d'Almada scored a run apiece, in the last two innings to ensure Portugal of yet another International triumph.

The USA team tried hard but found Dave Maltig's pitching not to their liking. He struck out 12 batters and held them to five hits, while opposing number Krommenhoek showed a lovely change of pace, striking out only one Portugal batter and giving up 10 hits.

Until the fourth inning the USA team had every chance to pull this game out of the fire. They showed themselves unable to cope with the bunting tactics employed by Portugal, shortstop Gilcrest and first-baseman Newton twice being caught flatfooted on the bunts. The weakness in the American team lay in their not covering up fast enough when bunts were laid down and this led to

their downfall. This was a tense and thrilling International and the USA side were not beaten until half-way through the match. Before this they gave as good as they got.

Jim Clark wins the Pau Grand Prix

Pau, Apr. 3.

Jim Clark of Britain in a Formula One Lotus today sped to victory in the Pau Grand Prix which opened the bigtime European motor racing season. World champion Jack Brabham in a Cooper did not finish.

Brabham was forced to abandon in the 40th lap of the 100-lap race when his fuel line broke. Maurice Trintignant, another favourite was also forced out after repeated mechanical failure forced him to make pit stops.

Clark led from the start and after the 40th lap his closest competitor, Joachim Bonnier of Sweden, trailed by more than a minute.

There were only nine cars left on the course at the time, although the race did not count towards the world championship. It was the first to be held under new Formula One rules with 1.5 litre capacity engines. It had been hoped that the event would give a pre-season indication of who your season's championship race but the many abandonments spoiled any chance of a fair test.

Clark finished the 270 kilometre (171.3 miles) race in two hours, 42 minutes and three seconds. Bonnier, who also drove a Lotus finished in 2:43.31. Lorenzo Bandini of Italy drove his Maserati to third place, two laps behind the winner.

The 270 kilometre Grand Prix circuit had been altered

DEATH OF FORMER MCC SECRETARY

London, Apr. 3. Colonel Rowan Scrope Rait Kerr, former secretary of the Marylebone Cricket Club, died yesterday. His family announced today.

Colonel Rait Kerr, 69, was appointed secretary of the MCC in 1930. He was largely responsible for the codification of the laws of cricket, issued in 1931 and 1947.

At the end of 1951, he made a notable address on modern county cricket to the meeting of club secretaries, but resigned a year later owing to the stress of office.

Before resigning, he assisted Mr H. S. Altham in the formation of the MCC Youth Cricket Association.

Afterwards, he continued to serve on the MCC committee, and at the Imperial Cricket Conference.

Colonel Rait Kerr was born in County Wicklow, Irish Republic, and commissioned in the Royal Engineers, British Army, in 1919. He served with distinction in France in World War I, and won the Distinguished Service Order and Military Cross.

In World War II, he was chairman of the War Office Selection Board, which selects potential officers from army recruits.

He leaves a widow and daughter, Diana, who is a curator at Lord's, the MCC's home ground.—China Mail Special.

Darts record

Luton, Apr. 3.

An eight-man team has claimed a row world record after scoring one million and 610 points at darts in just 10 hours.

Their time was four and three-quarter hours better than the old record of 20 hours 43 minutes set by a Scottish team.—China Mail Special.

British Guiana lead Swanton's XI on 1st innings

Georgetown, Apr. 3. Centuries by Basil Butcher (113) and Clyde Walcott (108) helped British Guiana gain a first innings lead of 73 here yesterday on the second day of their four-day match with E. W. Swanton's XI.

British Guiana were all out for 340 in reply to the 273 made by E. W. Swanton's XI, who were 51 for one at the close in their second innings. Butcher and Walcott, who both batted for 34 hours, added 145 in two hours for the colony's fourth wicket.

Walcott left immediately after tea, taken at 325 for five, and the remaining five wickets tumbled for the addition of 23 runs.

E. W. Swanton's XI had an hour's batting time and quickly lost Bob Gale (Middlesex) with only five on the board.

Then Peter Walker, Glamorgan all-rounder who used to live in South Africa, stayed with Indian Abbas Ali Baig until the close.

Walker's first four scoring strokes were all boundaries off the pace bowlers but a back injury later restricted his movement.—China Mail Special.



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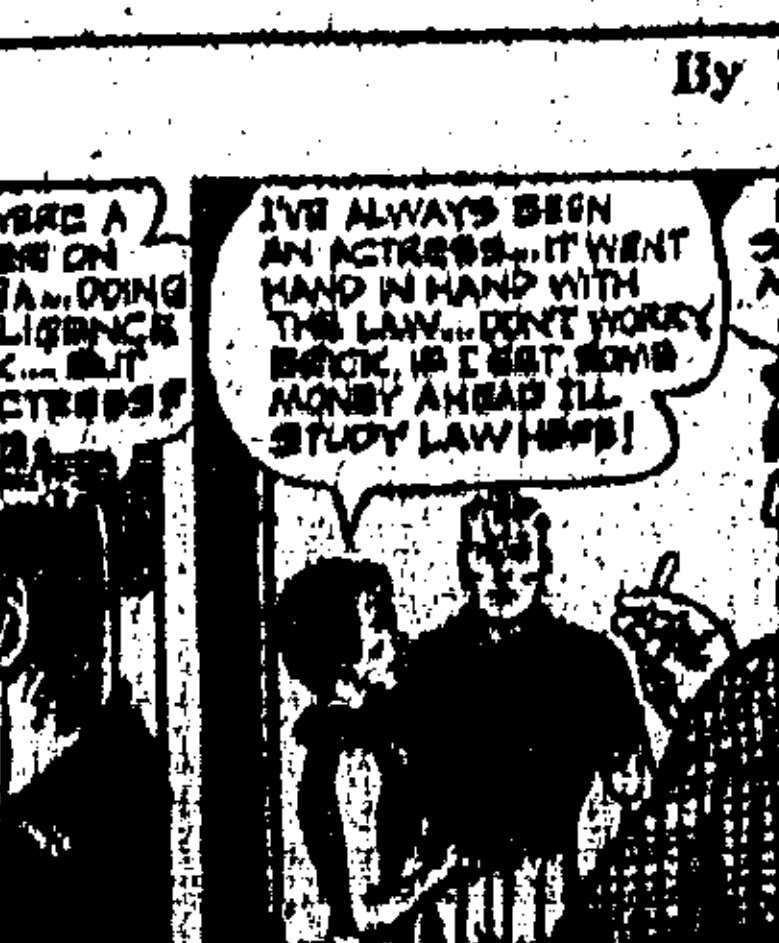
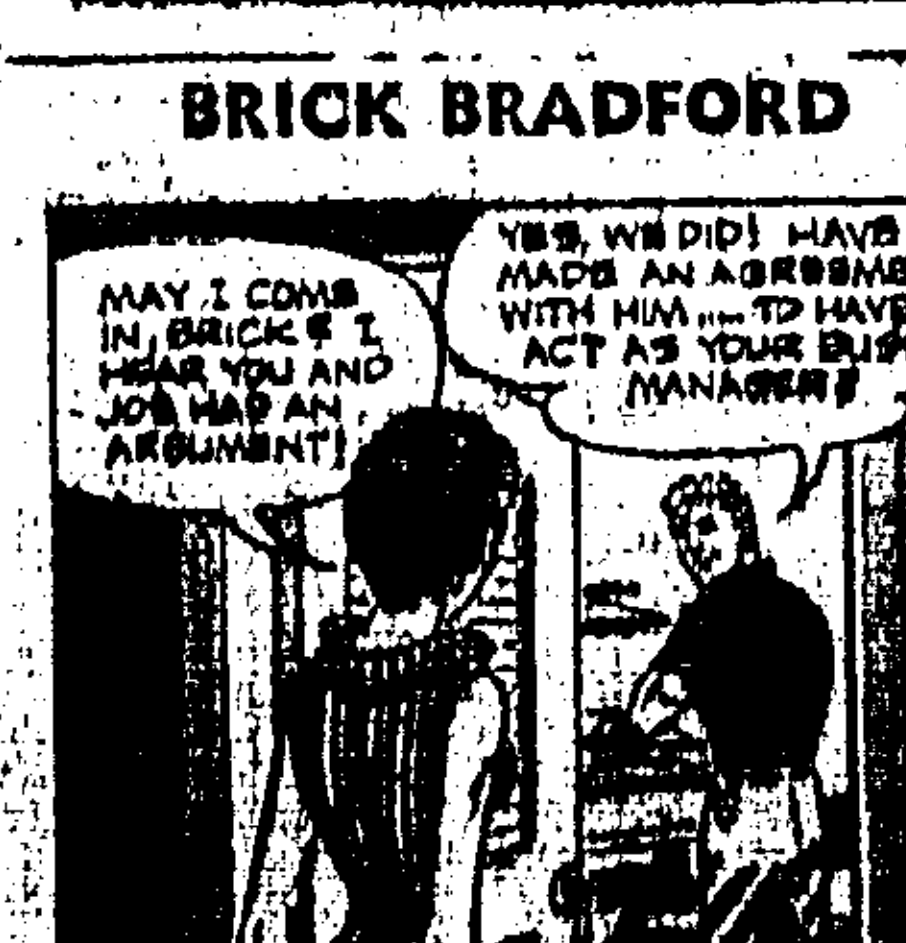
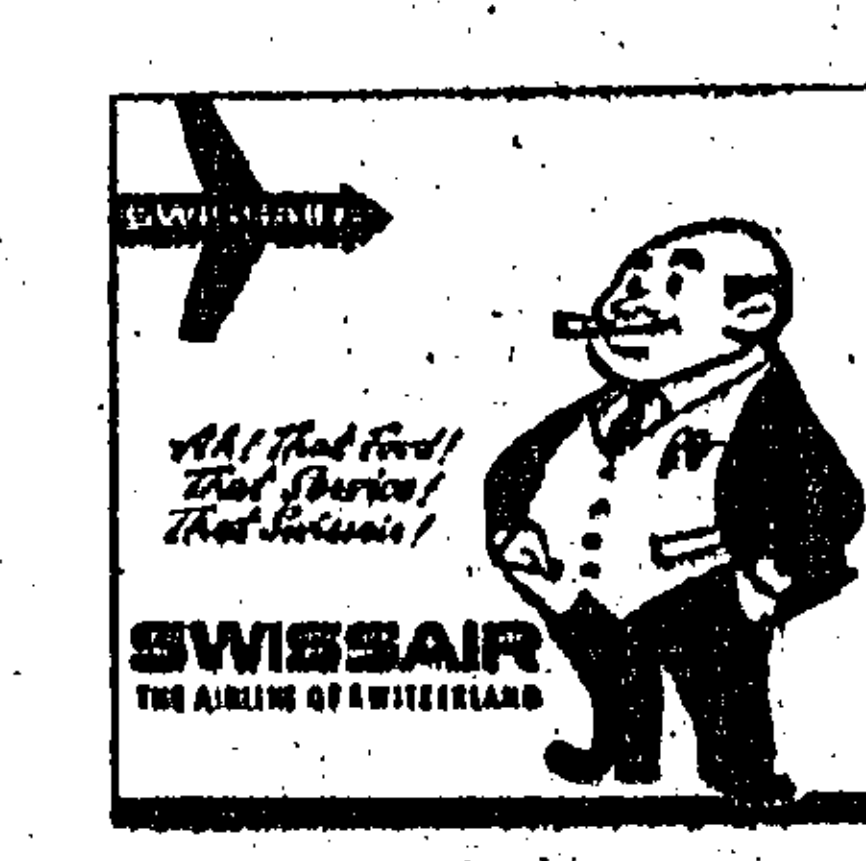
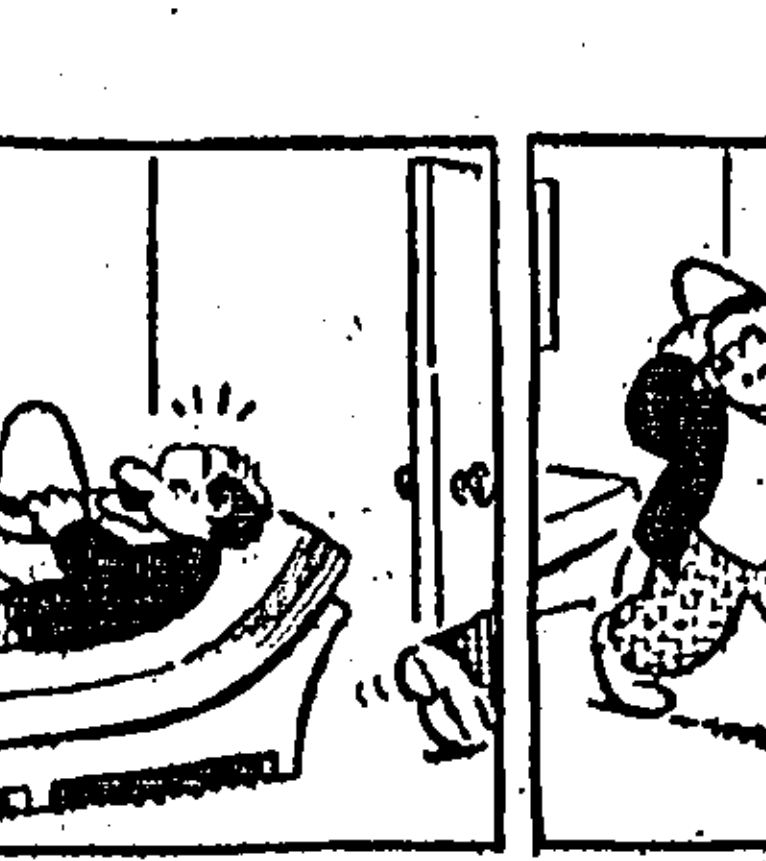
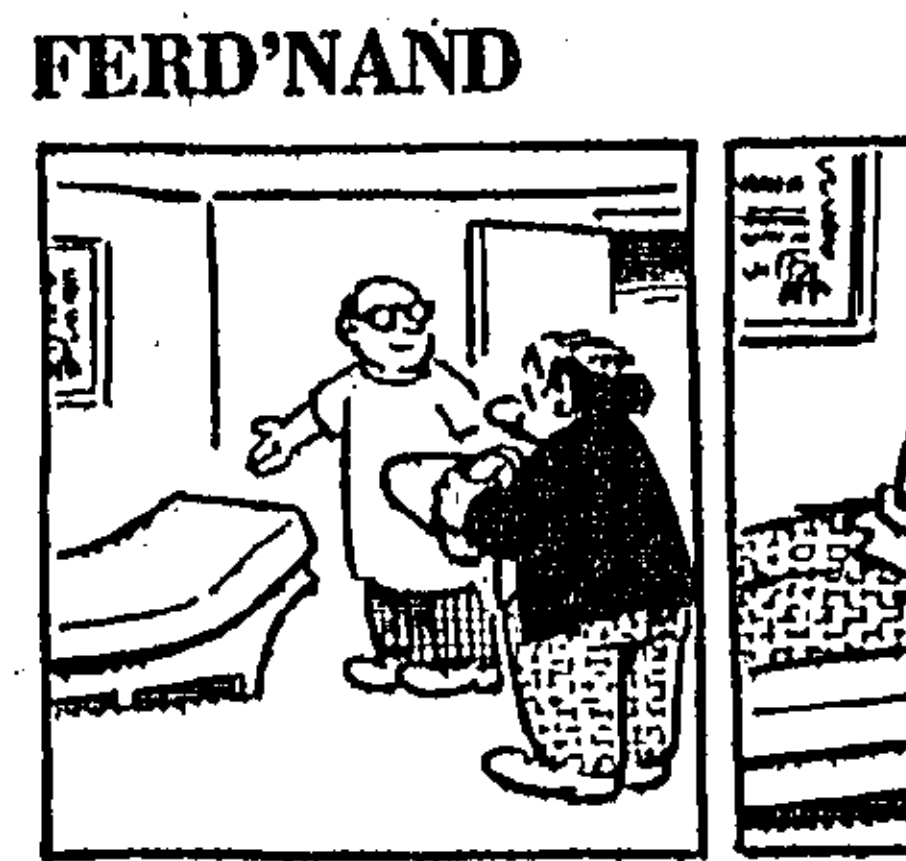
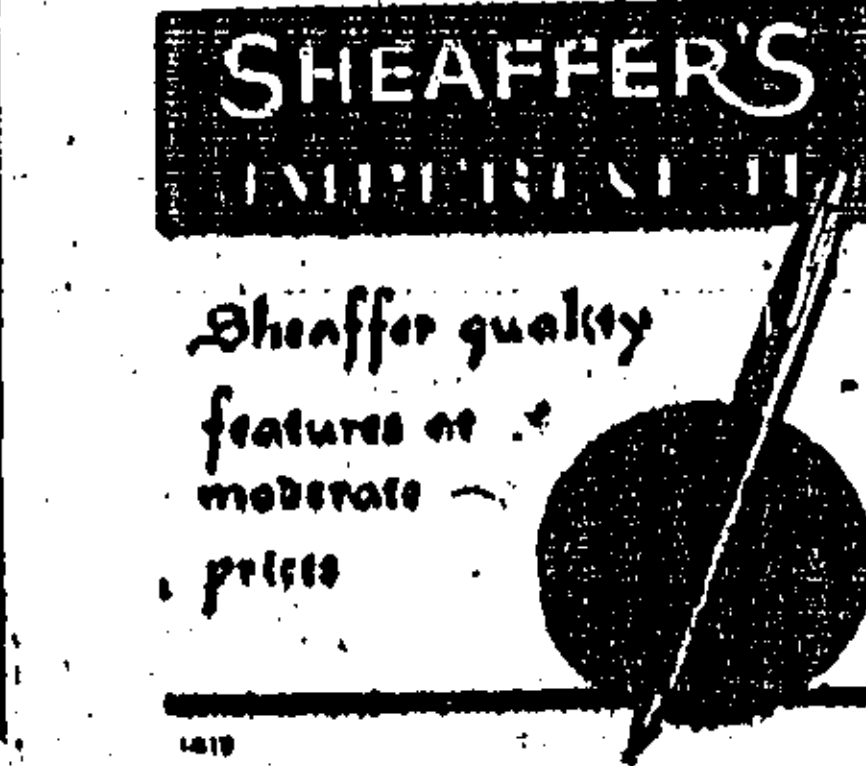
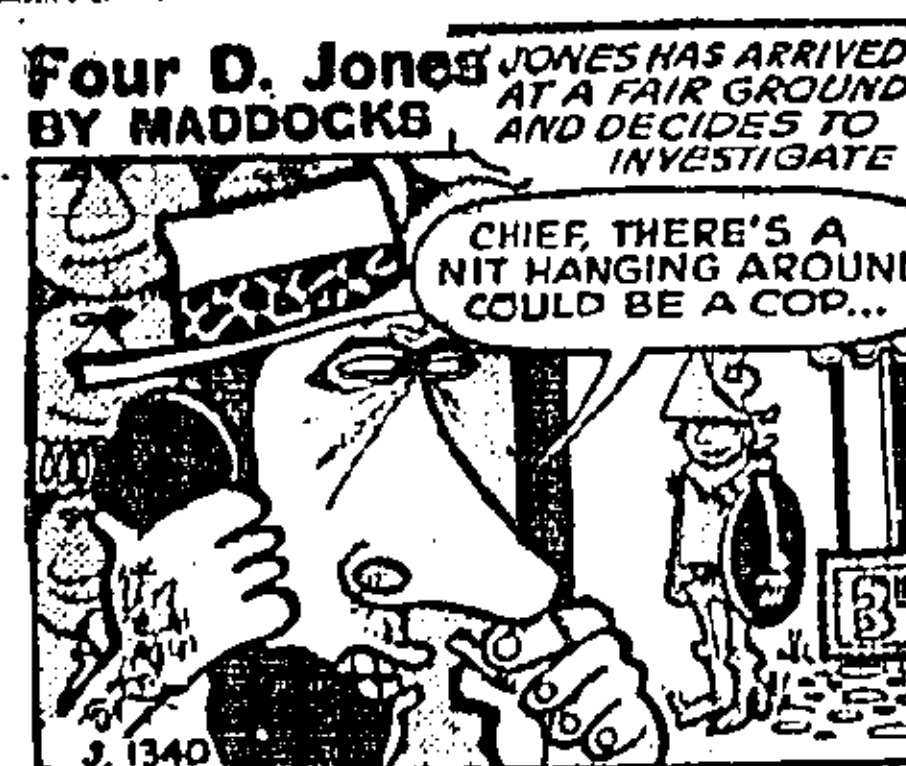
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CHESS NEWS

By LEONARD BARDEN

ENGLAND'S rising international chess prestige has been further enhanced by Derek Ross' spectacular success in the annual masters tournament at Beverwijk, Holland. Ross, a former Dutch champion who has been resident in this country for several years and has recently become an English citizen, was in top form against strong opponents from several countries and made a clean sweep of all his nine games. The second prize also fell to Ross, who was runner-up after an indifferent start, made a strong finish and edged out

his rivals with a score of five points.

On the other side of Europe in Moscow the top Soviet masters are competing in the annual Russian championship, which this year includes places in the world title eliminating competition for the top four.

World champion Garry Kasparov is leading from Korneichenko and a complex unknown. Standstill. Solutions No. 6008: 1. K-R4; 2. R-K3; 3. R-Q4; 4. R-E2; 5. R-R7; 6. R-A2; 7. R-B3; 8. White wins 11/3. 2. R-K3; 3. R-Q4; 4. R-E2; 5. R-R7; 6. R-A2; 7. R-B3; 8. White wins 11/3. 2. R-K3; 3. R-Q4; 4. R-E2; 5. R-R7; 6. R-A2; 7. R-B3; 8. White wins 11/3.

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Full court ruling on reserved taxi stands

The Full Court this morning issued an order of mandamus directing the Commissioner of Police to hear and determine applications for permission to use reserved taxi stands in accordance with due principles of law.

The application for mandamus was made by the Chairman and two committee members of the Hongkong Public Vehicles Owners' Association, an organization representing 60 taxi companies.

Mr. Brook Bernacchi, QC, counsel for the Association, said at a previous hearing that it appeared from the papers that had been filed, that certain taxi stands, including the stand at the Star Ferry, Hongkong, had been reserved by the Police for the exclusive use of four big taxi companies. The applicants represented an Association of 60 smaller taxi companies who claimed to have more than 40 per cent of the taxis on the Island.

Mr. Arthur Hooton, QC, Solicitor General representing the Police, told the Full Court that after careful consideration of the papers in this case and discussion with the Commissioner of Police, he had advised the Commissioner not to contest the order.

Not clear

"The principles of law applicable to the exercise of statutory discretion are perhaps not the clearest and not the most readily understandable and it is clear that in this case the Commissioner of Police was not advised as to the principles before he adjudicated upon the applications," Mr. Hooton said. Mr. Brook Bernacchi, QC, counsel for the association, suggested to leave open the matters in connection with another part of the Association's application.

Fined \$100 for careless driving

Wan Kwok-ming, of 6-B Tsat Tze Mue-road, North Point, was fined \$100 by Mr. J. T. Morris at Causeway Bay Court this morning when he pleaded guilty to a summons of driving carelessly.

Inspector M. R. Atkinson said that on the afternoon of January 17, Wan was driving at Duddell-street near Dina House when his car smashed into the pavement causing people to jump out of the way.

Happy Valley 'bookie' in court

A 27-year-old man who acted as a "bookie" at the Royal Hongkong Jockey Club on the second day of the Easter racing yesterday, appeared before Mr. T. L. Yang at Causeway Bay Court this morning.

He was Ho Bing-jam, living on the rooftop of 102 Lockhart-road, who pleaded guilty to a charge of keeping a common gaming house. He was remanded until tomorrow for his record.

Another man, Fung Man, 40, of 3 St. Francis-street, ground floor, was fined \$10 when he pleaded guilty to betting in a common gaming house.

Inspector Y. C. Lam prosecuting, said that yesterday while a detective was on duty at the racecourse, he saw Ho sitting on the ground holding a race form book in his hand.

The detective kept watch on Ho. Shortly afterwards, Fung approached Ho handed him \$10 and placed a bet on the horse, Princess Ellen. Ho made a note of it in the book.

Mr. Yang ordered that the \$10 and the racing book be confiscated.

WARRANT FOR MAN'S ARREST

A warrant for the arrest of a man on two traffic summonses, was issued by Mr. J. T. Morris at Causeway Bay Court this morning.

The man, Ho Kwok-fat, of 4 Wa On-lane, second floor, was summonsed for carrying 16 passengers in excess of the permitted number in his goods vehicle HK5000 at Connaught-road West, near De Voeux-road West, on February 2.

Another summons alleged that on the same day and at the same time, Ho failed to conform to traffic signals.

Ho's wife who was in court told Mr. Morris that her husband was unable to appear in person on account of illness, but failed to produce a medical certificate when asked to do so.

REPLIES TO CORRESPONDENTS:

CONVERTED: No signature and the lady of that name at the address you give, denies sending us a letter.—Ed.

Senior U.S. Government official says TRADE RESTRICTIONS ONLY AS LAST RESORT

The Kennedy Administration preferred a positive rather than a negative solution to the U.S.-world trade problem, said Mr. Rowland Burnstan, U.S. Assistant Secretary of Commerce this morning.

'Gay bachelor' Bob arrives in HK with his family

By SYLVIA DA COSTA ROQUE

THE gay girl-chasing bachelor of television breezed into Hongkong on Saturday — but in a very different role.

Bob Cummings had left his faithful love-struck screen secretary Shultz behind in Hollywood and was here to introduce the Colony to his wife and three of their five children.

HARRASSED

But true to his TV style, he was a trifle harassed. On his way through immigration and customs and in his effort to track down his luggage, he managed to waylay his family.

Followed by a procession of photographers and reporters he eventually tracked them down in the airport parking lot and there he held an informal press-conference.

"I'm here with my wife and three children," he said. "Robert who is 15, Belinda, 13 and Patricia, 9. My wife," he continued, laughing, "is 22 and I am... 78!"

"We have two more children, you know, Tony, 4 and Laurel Ann, 3, but we had to leave them at home in Beverly Hills, they're too wiggy to bring on a trip like this."

Mr. Cummings has been to Hongkong twice before, but just had to bring my family here while they were in this part of the world."

LITTLE LONGER

The actor and his family came from Kyoto in Japan where he is making "Be My Gelsa" with Shirley MacLaine, but he has to return tomorrow—"My family," may stay here a little longer," he grinned.

"But the children have to get back to school. They came to the East during their holidays, but they are already late. They'll most likely be killed when they do return," he grinned.

And when "Be My Gelsa" is finished, Bob Cummings starts work on another television series in the style of "Love that Bob" which was made in 200 episodes.

"And making those series is certainly hard work," he said. "It's a case of seven days and seven nights a week!"

Besides being a television and film star, Bob Cummings is also a business man.

At present he has a lot of money invested in Australia. He is part of a syndicate of 15 Americans which has bought well over a million acres of land near the North Australian town of Humpty Do.

On the land is planted rice which the syndicate eventually hopes to market to Oriental countries. "It is the long grain rice that I believe the Chinese like," said Mr. Cummings.

The same syndicate also has thousands of sheep near the Western Australian town of Esperance.

Bob Cummings off screen looks just the same as he does on, tall with a crew-cut and an almost perpetual grin.

After seeing him each Sunday evening surrounded by photographic equipment and beautiful blondes and brunettes, it was almost strange to see him seriously checking passports and luggage.

Wonderful. Told that his show was one of the most popular with Colony television viewers, he said, "that's quite a compliment and it is wonderful to know."

The press conference ended and he prepared to join his family in a hotel passenger van. Bob Cummings called, "It's wonderful to have met you all and wonderful to be back in Hongkong."



BOB CUMMINGS

WITNESS'S PROMISE IN DRIVING CONSPIRACY CASE TRIAL

Young Man-so, a witness in the driving test conspiracy case and now detained in custody, declared in Court this morning that should he be allowed to remain in the Colony, he would not give any more driving instruction.

Young said his only source of income would then be his watch business. "I have no other sidelines," he added.

He made this statement when he was cross-examined by Mr. Leo d'Almeida, QC, defence counsel for a police inspector charged with three others with conspiracy.

Young said no one had held out any hopes to him that as a result of what he might say in Court or as a result of what information he might give to the police, his wishes to remain in the Colony and conduct his watch business might be fulfilled.

This had never crossed his mind, he added.

He said he had been informed of the Solicitor General's decision that no criminal proceedings would be taken against him in respect of the present conspiracy charge against the four accused.

The accused are Yuen Pui-hung, alias Lung Bo, a woman, Lung Chan-wing, her husband, and Chun Kwai-wai and the late, both police inspectors.

Yuen and Lung are represented by Mr. Lawrence Leong. Chan is represented by Mr. Patrick Yu and Mr. John Swaine, and Mr. d'Almeida and Mr. Swaine are defending the late Mr. Dermot Rea and Mr. Howard Hobson, Crown Counsel, are prosecuting.

The hearing before Judge B. J. Jennings in the Victoria District Court is continuing.

Headmaster leaves for UK

The success of the Victoria School choir at the recent music festival was one of the most welcome farewell gifts he had received, the retiring headmaster of the School Mr. L. Hogan, said today.

For the first time in 13 years they gained an award, and came first in the choir under 12 years' class.

Mr. Hogan spoke about this today shortly before going on board the P. & O. ship, Chitral, in which he is sailing to the United Kingdom after eight years' service in Hongkong.

A popular headmaster who has taken great interest in the welfare of Army families in Hongkong, Mr. Hogan said he would miss the School, its staff and children.

In England he hoped to settle in the country, teach in a rural school and keep an old English sheepdog.

Members of the Parent Teachers' Association of the school presented Mr. Hogan with a chiming clock, an antique Chinese curio and a book on porcelains and ceramics as a token of regard.

From the Files 25 years AGO

April 1936

THE combined manoeuvres held during the past few days came to an end with a vigorous flank attack by the defending Redland reserves on the invading Blue land forces which had penetrated within three miles of Kowloon City.

The offensive was launched at 11 o'clock yesterday morning, and with "cease-fire" at 1 pm the defenders had victory in their hands.

The manoeuvres proved conclusively, according to an official statement, that the fixed defences and mobile garrison of Hongkong are in an improved state of efficiency. The new equipment, especially the anti-aircraft guns and searchlights were thoroughly and satisfactorily tested.

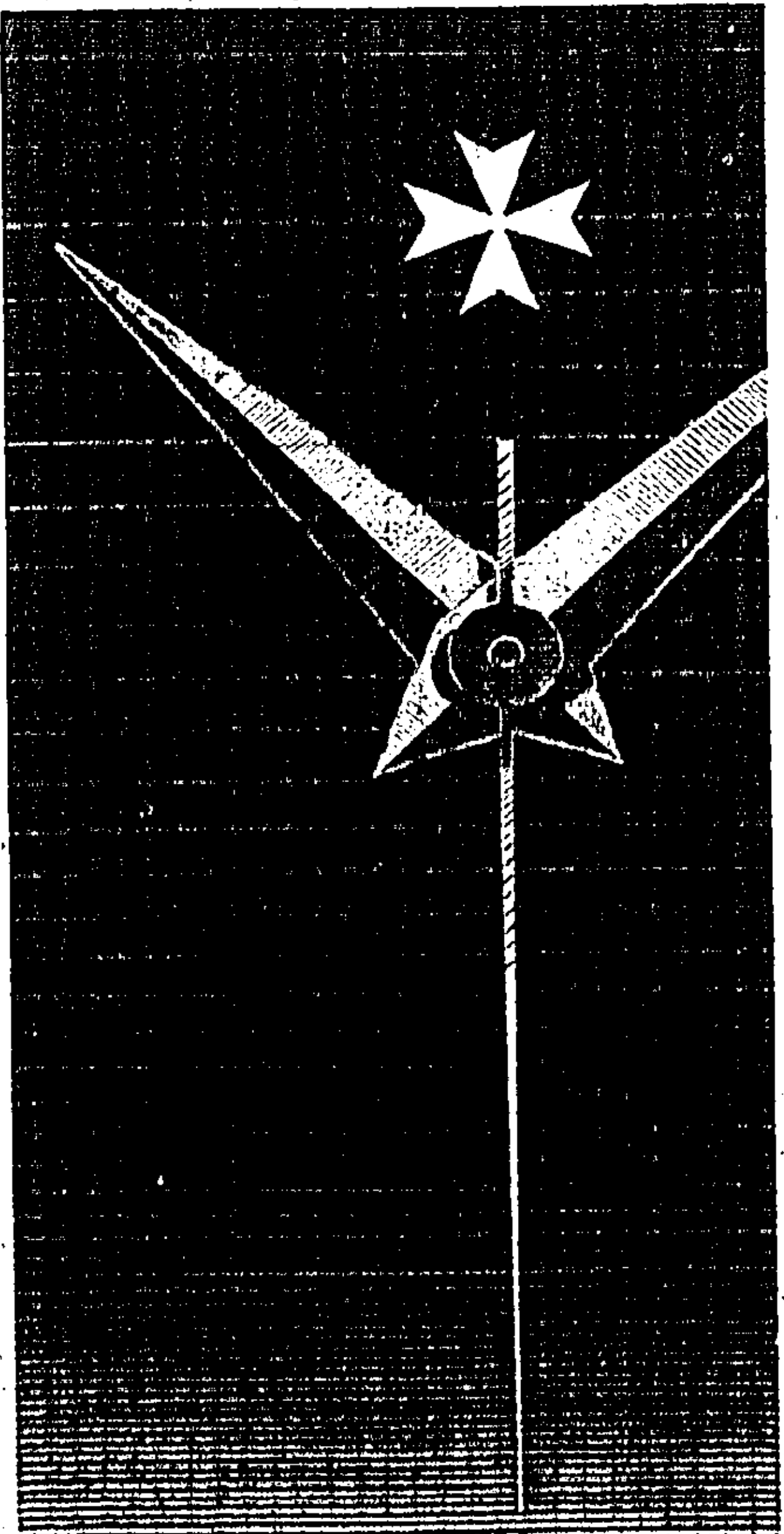
It was also proved, however, that the Colony is in grave danger if subjected to prolonged and ferocious air attacks; for despite numerous casualties inflicted on the Blue land air force, flour bag bombs scored extensive hits on vulnerable points on the mainland and island.

Yesterday was "Good Press Day" which is celebrated by the Roman Catholic community annually, and Rev T. Ryan, SJ preached a special sermon on the subject at the Catholic Cathedral.

He dealt interestingly with the choice of reading matter and the exclusion of harmful literature.

AN item in the North China Daily News says: "In its awful ignorance mankind has long associated the shrimp with persons of dwarfish stature, but investigation shows that it has a brain and in a country like China, where nothing is wasted, it actually represents a tasty dish."

"The preparation of shrimp's brain is within the limits of cookery. The brain is fried usually in lard although peanut or any other kind of oil may be used. One portion consisting of 100 brains would be enough to satisfy the fastidious taste of two gourmets."



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MAN JAILED, ASSAULTED 2 POLICEMEN

A 22-year-old man, Tsui Chi-ho, of 163 Des Voeux-road West, second floor, was jailed for 12 weeks by Mr. Derek Cons at Central Court this morning for assaulting two police constables.

Tsui pleaded guilty to assaulting the policemen, Chung Kwok-wah and Chiu Yiu-ting, at his home on two separate occasions.

Inspector G. D. Carter told the court on March 22 a policeman, Chung Kwok-wah, was on duty in Queen's-road near Centre-street when he was approached by a Chinese woman who reported that her brother was smoking dangerous drugs. She requested Chung to arrest her brother.

Upon entering the defendant's home, Tsui was seen sitting on the top of a double bunk with a lighted cigarette in his mouth. Tsui suddenly jumped down from the bunk and in the ensuing struggle, he bit the policeman.

Tsui then ran downstairs and disappeared.

Last Friday another policeman, Chiu Yiu-ting, was on beat duty in Queen's-road West when he heard a whistle blow from defendant's home. He went up and saw Tsui struggling with his brother-in-law.

The policeman tried to separate them and was also bitten by Tsui, who attempted to run away without success this time.

Tsui told six previous convictions including one for obstructing a police officer in the execution of his duty.

Kowloon office of D.C. and I.

The Kowloon Office of the Commerce and Industry Department was opened to the public at 11 am this morning. The office, which is situated on the 11th floor of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Building, Nathan-road, Kowloon, has a staff of 21 persons under Mr. L. Chung, Trade Officer of the department.



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